

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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MESSAGE TO THE PREACHERS

God Loves You And Needs You in His Services Every Minute.

DO YOUR DUTY AND DO IT IN LOVE.

No doubt every preacher feels more or less responsibility as you commence your work for another year. If you do not then you do not feel as you ought to feel. When the salvation or damnation of many souls depends upon you how could you be without a feeling of responsibility.

Thousands of souls will go to the judgment the coming year, and probably hundreds will go from places where you will labor, or may be from places where you should labor if you do your whole duty. But surely none of you will shrink from any duty this year that may be yours. I can hardly think this of any of you.

Of course I know that all of you cannot preach every day. This is hardly expected of any of you, but there is always other things to do besides preaching that are just as necessary and must be done. But you need to give your entire time to this service if possible. Some of you, however, may be so situated that you can give but little time except on Sunday, but try to keep out of the entanglements of worldly business just as much as possible. But this does not mean you should throw away your possessions and let your business go to ruin for lack of attention if you have any. But I do advise that you try to loose yourselves from such as much as possible.

Every one should remember that it was not the things done, that Jesus said would cause the words "Depart from me ye cursed" (Matt. 25:41), to be uttered, but the things that were left undone. You may not do anything bad, but think back over the past year and see if you have neglected any duty or not; if you have not, all well and good, but if you have, a remembrance of it, should cause you to do your best this year to redeem the time (Eph. 5, 16.) you have lost by your neglect.

In going to your new fields of labor, or if you remain on the same field where you labored last year, you should take a retrospective view of yourself and your work. When you do this you should kneel down before God and reconsecrate and rededicate yourselves to Him and pray that He will give you a deeper spiritual experience, more of His "white - heated" love, and a good supply of wisdom. Try to be so spiritual that all the defects that you may have in your preaching or ministry in any wise will be unnoticed by your congregations. Remember it is not the great preaching that counts so much, it is the love and spirituality that accompanies the preaching. Many have had success in soul winning that could scarcely read or quote Scripture correctly. It was because they were deeply spiritual and lived so close to God. This is what you must do to be successful the coming year.

Indeed you should study your Bible and try to divide it correctly and try to preach well, but you should spend more time in prayer, and trying to get close under the very drippings

of heaven than you do in getting up and preparing your sermons. The writer has spent days in prayer preparatory for one service and only five or ten minutes in the preparation of the sermon just before its delivery. In such cases results always followed. Remember, beloved, deep spirituality is the all important part of preaching. With out this your preaching will be in vain.

A certain minister was engaged in a protracted meeting. Large crowds attended every service. At the close of every service the great throngs of people went away talking about the "wonderful sermon." "What a wonderful sermon!" they said. This continued for weeks but not a soul saved, and no one seemed interested in salvation. They came only to hear the big preacher preach his wonderful sermons. At last the dear minister got sick of complimentary remarks about his great sermons. He grew desperate. He fell on his face before God and began a search of himself. Investigation proved to him that he was not close enough to God. He was not as deeply spiritual as he should be. He had given more time to framing his sermons than he had to getting close to God. He repented deeply and asked God to forgive and help him. Instead of spending his time in preparing the sermon for the next service he spent his time in prayer and consecration. When the next service came he suddenly remembered that he had not prepared any sermon, and not even selected a text for a subject. He arose to speak. His eyes sparkled, his face shined, his voice trembled, utterances came from a full heart and his congregation was so effected that he could hardly finish his discourse. The altar was filled with seekers and the revival was on. Deep spirituality on the part of the preacher and plenty of prayer did the work.

Beloved, it is deep spirituality you need. Sometimes you think you need money. Sometimes you are tempted to fault the church because they do not pay you more. Sometimes you think your clothes are not good enough. Sometimes you think the fault is in your preaching. Sometimes you are tempted to give it up and go back to work at your trade or engage in your former business pursuits. But listen to one that has had experience! It is deep spirituality and prayer that you need. It is not money you need or else God would supply it for I know His Word is true. It is spirituality you need. It is praying right through every temptation of Satan and creeping right up under the drippings of God's love so when you come before your congregations you will be wet with the spiritual dews from heaven. You can have a revival in the hardest places when you keep constantly bathed in the billows of God's love.

I'll tell you what is the matter with some of you and you know it is true, too. God bless you, how I love you this very minute! You preach and pray and start up fairly well in the first service or two. Then you

begin to mingle with the people, go to their homes, engage in conversation and talk all your spirituality away, so by the time you come to the next service about all you can think of to preach is about tobacco, dress, jewelry, lodges, hypocrites in the church, adulterers, etc., and do all this in a harsh loud spirit which will drive people away more than draw them to you. The writer learned a long time ago that he could not have a revival at night after he had spent the day in talking, talking, talking in the common conversations peculiar to such times. Hundreds of times he has slipped away from the family as soon as dinner or breakfast was over and staid in the woods and fought mosquitoes in summer, or walked and jumped to keep from freezing in the winter time, rather than talk away his spirituality in common social conversation. Many of you will have better success as pastors and evangelists if you will stop so much social conversation. I say this kindly and tenderly because I want you to be successful.

Keep humble the whole year through. Beware of the man that starts out with no feeling of the weight of the responsibility, with his head up and boast to himself or others how he is going to do this year. This is not the right spirit. Better start out weeping than lighthearted and laughing.

It is the weeper that will come back at the end of the harvest bringing his sheaves with him (Psalm 126:6.) A dry eyed minister is almost sure to have a dryeyed congregation. A dry-eyed congregation will never get very close to God. It may not be the tears that does the good, but when one is close to God you will find him often bathed in tears. If I could not feel that heavenly touch frequently that starts the tears to rolling I would be afraid I had lost my spirituality.

The more spiritual you are the less you will feel like speaking with that sharp rasping tone of voice that scarcely ever does any one any good. Spirituality makes you tender, and gentle, and loving, and blesses instead of curses. It does not make you compromise nor make friends with the devil, but it wields a mighty influence for good wherever it goes. It carries with it that sledge-hammer that breaks in pieces the hardest hearts. The person that is deeply spiritual will not select some special person to preach and pray at, and take their congregations through a course of "skinning" every-once-in-a-while. One may preach hell fire and damnation until the congregation can almost see the smoke ascending from the pit, and almost hear the gnashing of teeth, and the growls of the demons, but if he is deeply spiritual he will pity the poor fellow that is doomed rather than try to push him off into it with a snarl, and say with sarcastic voice, "you deserve to go there and suffer forever!"

Deep spirituality will prevent a spirit of jealousy that sometimes takes possession of ministers. If one seems to make a better "hit" than another and gains the favor and love of the people that jealous spirit sometimes walks in and walks up the aisle with a swing and gives orders for things to go thus and so. I

well remember an incident that came under my observation. A brother was engaged in a protracted meeting. Two brother ministers dropped in to assist with no thought of preaching. They only thought of praying, singing and helping in the altar services. The meeting went on several days. The preacher preached very well and every thing seemed to be going on very nicely, although no souls were getting saved, and but very few came to the altar. The preacher in charge finally asked one of the brethren to preach. He declined politely and said he did not care to preach, but that he only wanted to help in the meeting in other ways. But the preacher insisted and finally stated that he had prayed about it and he believed the Lord wanted the other to preach that night. At last, after considerable urging he consented to do the best he could. The hour came, the sermon was over, the altar crowded with seekers crying and screaming for mercy. Many prayed through to victory. The revival was on. Every body seemed so glad and went home feeling much encouraged about the meeting. The next night the preacher in charge preached and it seemed to be one of those off nights that often show up in revivals. When the sermon was over no body came to the altar. The preacher begged and stormed and yet it was all in vain.

Right then in walked that jealous spirit and took possession of the preacher in charge. The other preacher saw it and decided he had best stay away from the services. So he staid in and prayed for the meeting but it was too late. The meeting was ruined. The preacher got harsh and scolded the Christians, called them hypocrites and soon killed himself with the people and left. Jealousy did it. After he was gone the people almost compelled the other preachers to take the meeting. The revival fire began to burn and in only a few days forty souls wept their way up to Calvary and got saved.

Beloved, do not get jealous of one another. Rejoice if you see that some one else can have better success than yourself, only, of course, keep praying, and consecrating so that you may do better service too. When you chance to fall into meeting together work together with sweet fellowship and love. Always help one another instead of hindering one another. Prefer others above yourself, and keep the meek and humble spirit that always lends a helping hand to others that need help.

There is one class of preachers that always draws my sympathy, and I would love to help that class more than any other. The class I refer to is a class to itself and is composed of ministers that are not wanted. They very often preach very well, and sometimes better than others that are wanted, but their disposition, or tone of voice, or manner, or spirit they have, keeps people and churches and communities from wanting them.

They live good lives, and no one can find any particular fault in them, and ask the reason sometimes why they are not wanted, nobody can tell, but they are just not wanted. That is all that can be said about them. I know it must be embarrassing

to such ministers, for surely most of them feel it and know it. I tell you, I truly feel sorry for this class! I have tried to help some of them. I have kindly advised them to try to sweeten up their disposition, but I have not seen as good results as I wished. I hope there may be some thing done to help them yet.

I have in mind one special man that overcame it and rose to a place of eminence so he was wanted almost everywhere. He went to a certain place for a meeting. He went without an invitation. The people would not receive him. They would not take him into their homes. He lay out at nights in the hedges and fence corners, and the frost covered him over like snow. But he was determined to win the victory over himself and make himself wanted. He prayed, and nearly starved to death, because they would not feed him either. After weeks and I think it was months, he began to win. When he started upward he gained rapidly. He was already a good preacher, but of that class that was not wanted. But when he finally conquered in that battle he had such a sweet, humble, disposition, and became such a powerful preacher that he was wanted everywhere.

I wish some of our dear good preachers that are not wanted could conquer in the fight like that. I do not mean that I want them to go through such severe suffering as that brother did, but I want them to get over the top in a way that they will be wanted, and have more calls than they can fill. I am very anxious for all of our ministers to be in the class with those that are wanted.

Some ministers are more fitted for pastors than evangelists while some are better fitted for evangelists than pastors. Each one should try to fill the place he is best suited for, but while our number of ministers is so limited it is necessary for many of them to adjust themselves to circumstances and be both pastors and evangelists, or evangelists and pastors. Paul wrote to Bishop Timothy thus, "Do the work of an evangelist." (2 Tim. 4:5.) But what ever you do, be loved, "make full proof of thy ministry" in what ever line it is. If you are called on by an overseer to pastor a flock, or several of them, do your best. If you are called on, or if opportunity is given you to evangelize, do it gladly and do your best while you are at it.

In your preaching always stay close to the teaching that you know is authorized by the Assembly. And do not venture into something that may lead to strife or give opportunity for your good to be evil spoken of. You should not make a "hobby" of any particular point of doctrine. Preach tithes and healing along with repentance, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but do not preach tithes and healing all the time. Do not preach the Church all the time, but talk about it enough to impress your hearers with its beauty and importance.

Before closing this message I would like to impress every one of you with the importance of making your reports regularly every month. The time has been that religious work could run in a loose way and do very well, but that time is over now. We are getting back to the "last"

that has to be like the "first", and there was no looseness in the days of the Apostles. Every minister had to walk the chalk line or be called into account. Looseness will not do now. It is important that we keep in close touch with our ministers and have a record to show where they are all the time. The monthly reports are arranged to show where you have been laboring the past month. Remember we are in the "last days" when people will betray one another, circulate false reports, prefer false charges, and turn traitors. These things are already upon us. If you want protection comply with the requirements of the Assembly and furnish these reports accurately made out, and then what will you fear about any of the worst things Satan may try to stir up. Your records are made and filed and can be produced at any time necessary. I conclude that a hint to the wise is sufficient about these matters.

The Church of God is constantly growing. It is coming into prominence more every year. The nations will soon have their keen eyes upon her like many of the authorities of our own country. We want our ministers to be in the very highest ranks in spirituality, loyalty to the Church for which they stand, and knit together so nothing can separate them, and those that are not going to prove true, loyal and brave, will drop out of the rank and those who remain will rise the higher. God will bestow such favors upon them that the world will not be able to gainsay or resist them with any degree of success, any more than was the case with the Apostles.

I wish to offer a word of love and encouragement to every one. I assure you of my sympathy and help to the utmost of my ability the whole year through if the Lord spares me. I am as anxious for your success I believe as you are yourselves. God has made me interested in every one of you, and my very soul yearns over you this moment. A straight forward pull together for twelve months will accomplish untold results. We want souls! We want souls! We can reap an abundant harvest of souls if we work to this end in perfect harmony. And I believe we will! Yea, we must do it! God will help us to do it if we are loyal to Him, to the Bible, to the Assembly, to one another and the Church of God.

God's Church Seen Today By Many

C. A. Churchill

The fact that I do not know about a thing does not prove that the thing does not exist. There are a great many things of a worldly nature that exist in the world today that many do not know anything about, yet these things exist the same as if the people knew all about them. The flying machine and many other inventions prove the wonderful ingenuity of man, yet these things are little understood by the masses. So is the Church of the living God. She is little understood, even by some members, yet she throws her light of effulgent glory wherever she is, and we people who have received the revelation, recognize

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Sunday, December 14, is Home Mission day.

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What could make a better Christmas gift than a subscription for the Evangel? It will make fifty two visits for only one dollar.

Order your Sunday school literature early for the first quarter of the new year. All the Sunday schools should prepare to start in the new year with a swing of victory.

Reports of great meetings are still coming in. This is encouraging, praise the Lord. Let us all pray for greater outpourings of God's Holy Spirit and work together for the salvation of souls.

Much interest is being manifested in many places about the new auditorium and home for orphans. We hope this will still increase as we hurry on with the work of building. And truly we will have to hurry so as to get all things ready for use at the earliest date possible.

We have now arranged for better service in the office for the assistance of the treasurers and ministers in preparing their monthly reports. We are also improving our filing system which will greatly aid in the preservation of the records. We expect every report to be correct so that every minister will carry an accurate record. These records will show the standing of each church and each minister. Now if there are any treasurers or ministers that do not have the regular report forms, please write for them at once so you can commence with the first month (November) of the new year.

Some of the churches have failed to make their annual reports which were required before the Assembly and this failure will make our records in our new Year Book incomplete. And this will not give us as good a report to go before the government as we hoped. I wish all of the churches that have not reported

would send us the number of members, and average attendance in Sunday school if nothing more. This much of a report would be better than none at all. Hurry up about this and we may be able to get it in the annual report to the government yet.

Sister S. J. Heath has sent us two songs, "Heaven Bells are Ringing" and "Shine, Oh let it Shine" for distribution. The songs sell for 10c each and one sent extra for mailing. They are on sheets with the music.

If any body wants them you can order them now from the Evangel office. Brother and sister Heath are engaged in a meeting at Hortense, Ga.

The general sentiment at the Assembly was in favor of the financial and reporting system as practiced for the past two years, so there is nothing left for us to do but continue it. But the report forms will be improved and simplified so as to make them easier to fill in and require less paper. Hope every minister and treasurer will take an interest in this work and never become slothful in business.

Every Sunday-school should make preparations to do honor to Jesus at Christmas times. A short interesting program and gifts to the children would be appropriate but we do not advise the "Christmas tree" and Santa Clause. We want to discourage the "Santa Claus idea" rather than assist in its promulgation. Instead of looking for Santa Claus we want to look for Jesus. The wise men gave gifts to Jesus, and we can give gifts to Jesus by giving to the children and one another.

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her glory and she is a wonderful attraction to us. "And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." (Isa. 40: 5.)

We would not do the Scriptures an injustice if we were to say that the glory of the Lord is His great church. For further proof of this statement we give the following texts. "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." (Isa. 60:1.) "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts." (Haggai 2:9.) The church in the wilderness met with the requirements of that day, that is, it measured up to the standard of that day. Yet the glory of the latter house (The Church of God established in the top of the mountain Isa. 2: 2.) shall be greater than that of the former house. There is another significant fact not to be overlooked in this text. "The nations shall flow into it." The thought is, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it. The glory is the church and when the people see it, they will flow into her. "For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever" (Micah 4:5.) There are different gods but ONE ETERNAL GOD.

Some people spend all their time in making money, some in gaining worldly honor, some after this thing and some after that. Are they not walking every one after his god? But we sons and daughters of the ALMIGHTY who are so absorbed in the study and nature of things eternal are walking after the Lord our God forever. We are changed

by our Spiritual God, even from glory to glory, and ever and anon behold spiritual things which are always hid from worldly people. We enjoy these spiritual revelations whether others understand them or not.

There are a great many things that we can praise God for, and this we do, but we praise Him more for His great church. Why should we praise God for His great church? Why should we praise Him for His divine government? For more reasons perhaps than we shall ever be able to sum up. However we will endeavor to "show forth the praise of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light." Some people seem to think that the Church of God has not yet made her appearance, yet they go right on and preach that we are living in the last days. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matt. 24:14.) How can they reconcile these Scriptures with their church theory? Just like they do some other fallacies that are going the rounds. Some one said that if this is the Church of God, God baptized the first ones on the out side of the church. Do you not know that before a house is built that there must be a preparation? There must be some material to build that house. The workmen prepared the timber for the temple. Then when they brought it together every piece fit, the Lord had to have some material to build the church.

Some one said that the Church of God had some things in it that should come out. I replied that they are coming out all along. Instead of getting weary along the way, we are taking on more zeal and courage, and getting greater revelations. While the storms of persecutions and criticisms are pouring in upon her, she continues to rise and shine, and a spirit of jealousy has arisen in the hearts of other people. The thing that looks so BIG to some of the so-called Pentecostal people is "obeying those that have the rule over them." They have a desire to rule, yet they do not want to be ruled. If you are not willing to be governed, then you can never be able to rule anything. It is impossible to have a church without government. Some may disagree about this but, nevertheless, it is true.

One reason some people leave the Church of God is that they do not find what they are looking for. They look for worldly honor which she does not give. If you want that, you will have to go to other churches. Some think they can have their own ideas or notions but they do not fit. Therefore, they are disappointed, do not receive the honor, and they leave the church, proving that they are not of us, for if they had been of us they would have continued.

Paul said, "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." (1 Tim. 3: 15.) Paul said the church is the pillar and ground of the truth and Jesus said that you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. That accounts for the great liberty which we have in our meetings. We have the truth about the church and Jesus has made us happy and free. AMEN. Nothing but the Church of God can be the pillar and ground of the truth. Surely no one will object to Paul settling the church question. Some study

the Bible on the church question only to verify their own theory. I have not accepted the Bible on the church if I ignore the authority of some to rule over me in the Lord. I have not accepted the Bible if I contend that the church is invisible. Some are honest about it, some are willfully ignorant. If we could get a clear view of the events that transpired from Adam down to the present time, and if we could see how God dealt with His people, how He lead them all along the way, we would see some things differently.

By the use of a chart studied out by M. S. Haynes, of Kentwood, La., one of the twelve elders, you can, with the aid of the Bible, quickly locate all the events that transpired from Adam to the present time, and even to the final consummation. We can see where the church first made her appearance, where she went into obscurity, and where God said that He would ASSEMBLE HER THAT HALTETH. * * * I will make her a strong nation * * * The Lord shall reign over them in Zion." (Micah 4:6,7.) We read in Ezekiel 34:11, 12, "For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day." John 10:16, "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."

"And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." (John 11:52.) "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." (Gen. 49:10.)

We would sum up these Scriptures thus: I will assemble her that halteth. The word HER must refer to the church; she did halt but, thank God, she has been or is being assembled according to the Word of God. I will make her a strong nation; the church is progressing rapidly, becoming a strong nation. Christ is seeking out His sheep. It is necessary to seek them out because they have been lost and scattered in the dark. (Jer. 50:6.) To bring the people in to one fold means that there be no schism in the body. (1 Cor. 12:25.) We should all speak the same thing.

The Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. Yes, she contains all the truths of the everlasting gospel which is capable of amazing the world. What does it mean to hold all the truths of the gospel? It means that we acknowledge all the divine laws of the church as laid down by Jesus, and that we stand united as a mighty bulwark against all the false theories that are going the rounds today. Satan has tried to counterfeit everything that God ever got up. The more valuable anything is the more Satan tries to counterfeit it. You do not see many one cent pieces counterfeited, it is always the coins of a great valuation as a ten-dollar gold piece etc. Paul said that Satan had transformed himself into an angel of light, and it is no great things for his ministers to transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works. Their works were works of deception and hypocrisy and they will be deceived in the end. Many people are laboring under a false impression today because they

have a false conception concerning the Church of God, and some do not see her at all. We see her and we are going right on with her to the end, then go up and join the triumphant throng in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Ministers of the great Church of God, take heed how you treat this subject. Let us stand for GOVERNMENT, for TITHES and for the VISIBLE CHURCH, the one that we can see, and the one that will outshine every organization in the world. While some are trying to organize BEHOLD she is already organized and doing business for the Lord. There will be new organizations here when Jesus comes for His bride but His church is the ancient of days. Do you see her? If not, I conclude that you are blind and cannot see afar off. THANK GOD FOR THE GREAT CHURCH OF GOD THE PILLAR AND GROUND OF THE TRUTH.

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Brother Sylvester P. Griffith died at the home of his daughter in West Paris, Texas, Nov. 8, 1919, aged 74 years, 6 months and 24 days. He received the Holy Ghost about two years ago and later joined the Church of God. He was always at his post of duty. It always caused our hearts to rejoice to hear him testify. His favorite song was, It is love.

He knew everything up to the last and was patient to the end.

He leaves five daughters, one son, and many friends to mourn his death.

His loved ones have the greatest sympathy of the church.

His brother in Christ Jesus,
 J. M. Kerr.

A. J. Henderson, son of Mell and Myrtle Henderson, departed this life Nov. 4, 1919, aged 2 years, 7 months, and 17 days. Although he was young he had gained many friends by his loving ways. He had begun to reverence God. He delighted in returning thanks at the table. In his great love Jesus took his spirit to be with Him to dwell with the redeemed for ever and ever where there will be no more sufferings.

His mama and papa,
 Mell and Myrtle Henderson.

The death angel visited the home of Sister Bud Tucker of Mont Eagle, Tenn. and took her little boy, Haskell, aged nine years and seven months. He was a sweet little boy and loved by all but Jesus loved him more.

One who loved him,
 Mattie Church.

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I have fifty acres of land in Fla., one half mile from a strong Church of God, that I am offering for sale for \$12 per acre.

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Yours truly,
 C. Sowell, Jennings, Fla.

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Report.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for His goodness to us and for His keeping power and the Holy Ghost.

Sister Ida May Lopez did some wonderful preaching for us in October. She convinced some holiness opposers that she was right. She held street meeting two evenings and large crowds were present, about 1,000 or more were present one day.

This was a time of sowing. Sister Lopez is surely a God-sent woman. This is a hard place to reach so pray for us.

Thy sister,
Georgia Ridgeway.
Altoona, Ala.

Sees the Light on Paying Tithes.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

I am glad I can report victory in my soul. Praise God! I praise Him for the determination He has given me to go through with Him.

For some time I could not see that it is right to pay tithes. Lots of times my husband would say he must give the tenth of everything he made to the Lord and when he would count and see how much it would be, I would think that was a large amount to give. But yesterday while I was studying my Bible, I read Heb. 7:5 and the Lord began to burden me. I kept praying and begging the Lord to remove the burden or show me what the burden was for. Today after the Evangel came I began to read it through as I do every week. About the first thing I noticed was the piece that Brother E. L. Pinkley wrote on tithes. While I was reading it, the burden was removed and the Lord showed me that it was right to give the tenth of everything that we make to the Lord, and I mean to do that from this day on.

We are living in a place now where the people don't believe in holiness but that doesn't make God's Word untrue. I want all the saints of God to pray that God will save the people and keep husband and me humble at Jesus' feet.

Your unworthy sister under the blood,

M. E. Mullen.
Scobey, Miss.

Pray for Russia.

By Rev. J. E. Varonaef, Pastor Russian Pentecostal Assembly in N. Y.

Cause thou, oh our God, the God that made heaven and earth, cause thou, we pray Thee, Russia to shout for joy. Oh, Lord, let rivers of living waters go forth out of Thy throne and carry healing to poor bewildered, sorely wounded Russia.

There is no other country where storms (be they political or religious) rage so fiercely as they do in Russia. Naturally the outlook is discouraging, but out of experience we dare stand and plead for Russia, with all her inhabitants, 180 millions two years ago.

Consider, there is no other country that wades through as fierce conflicts as does Russia. Just now blood is counted for nought over there and streams of tears run down haggard faces. The ghost of hunger unhindered travels up and down that vast country and the days have dawned upon Russia when bread is no more a reality of day-time use but a vision of feverish dreams; the earth mute and dumb and realing, because of all the woes, holds in her shaking hands and on her feeble knees these children of men and has no strength to bring forth any comfort.

Who shall help? Who dare

stand when hatred seems to rise so high? Who dare bring or make peace between or among such foes? They actually devour each other over there. My tears, the pains of my heart, for the oppressed!

"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves." (Matt. 10:16.)

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." (Matt. 5:9.)

Hear what the Master said, "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." (John 10:16.)

On sixth street on the east side in New York City there is a little mission where some of these "other sheep" are found worshipping the great Shepherd of our souls. This is the first Russian Pentecostal Assembly in New York and the only strong thing in America for this use. We number over seventy, but what is that compared with so many Russians both here in America and over in Russia?

See how much we need the prayers of God's children? These seventy, and all those that God (we firmly believe) will yet add—how must they be prepared so that when there will be a possibility of going back to Russia fully equipped and filled with the Holy Spirit they will run at God's command?

We are in very great need of a building where we can worship unhindered and we need to open a Bible Training School for Russians, who, because of lack of knowledge of the English language, cannot attend American Bible Training Schools. These two needs press upon us so much as the days go by that we feel we must not only speak of it but also cry for help to God.

We ask you to stir up your arts and put on compass and take our cause definitely and regularly to God until He has met these needs, and many Russians get saved and cleansed and baptized in the Holy Spirit and fire because "The night cometh when no man can work."

Again we ask you to pray for Russia and the Russians in America.

A confession

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greeting in Jesus' Name:

After attending the Assembly at Cleveland, Tenn. and after seeing what I have seen, hearing what I have heard, feeling what I have felt, and seeing God witness to all that was done, in such a wonderful way, I feel that I ought to make a confession.

I haven't been as loyal to the great Church of God in every respect as I should have been, but from this time on, I expect by God's help and grace to be a loyal member and minister of the great Church of God in every respect, and make out and send in my monthly reports, beginning at the Assembly and on until Jesus comes or calls me home. Glory to God! The Holy Spirit witnesses to this covenant.

I believe that if all the ministers and deacons in the Church of God could have attended the Assembly, all would be settled on the reporting system and everything else pertaining to the work of the great Church of God for time and eternity.

I surely do recommend and endorse the reporting and financial system with all my heart, also all the work of the church. I can plainly see the benefits and results of it. It has caused the church to increase in number, power, and influence, financially and spiritually. The windows of heaven are opening wider and wider on the great Church of

God through obedience on the tithing system as God has promised in His Word. Thousands of souls are being convicted, saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the dear old Church of God as a result of it. Praise God!

But suppose we fail to obey God's Word and keep the windows of heaven shut. We not only rob God of that which belongs to Him, but we rob souls of salvation by hindering the spread of the gospel. Oh, what a great responsibility that rests upon each member of the great Church of God. God help each one of us to obey His word and be loyal to His church is my prayer

Your brother in Christ,
W.H. Martin,
Carmi, Ill.

Requests

Delthia Queen of Turtletown, Tenn. requests prayer that she may be healed of lung trouble.

E. Simmons, Carbon Hill, Ala. requests prayer that he may be entirely healed of dropsy.

Ethel Kilgore, Largo, Fla. desires the prayers of the saints as she is the only one of her family that is standing with the church.

She wishes to announce that SHE HAS BEEN HEALED of a broken rib and other troubles.

M. Z. Stamps, Alabama City, Ala. desires the saints to pray that she may be healed of kidney trouble and other diseases. Pray for her husband and boys who are unsaved and that the one with a weak mind may have his mind restored. Also pray that a neighbor woman may be healed.

Emma Edmonds, Nauvoo, Ala. requests prayer that her little daughter may be healed. She has been a cripple all of her life.

A VISION OF PARADISE.

A. L. Murphy

There is a land mine eyes have seen,
A land surpassing fair;
Where Jesus greets His own redeemed,
As one by one they enter there.

The flowers are fair and fragrant there,
In that land He showed to me;
The trees converse, and surely share
The joy of that Blood washed company.

The Saviour stands and extends His hands,
Those hands that were pierced for me;
But His radiant smile surpasses far
All else our eyes can ever see!

The Saviour's smile of Redeeming Love
Is the life of that fair clime,
His Holy Self stands there revealed,
And fills the heart with joy sublime.

In loving tones and accents kind, He
Shows to the one just entered there,
That He is the "Bread" and full supply
For all her needs and hopes and care.

He then declares that "I am yours,
Therefore heaven and earth are thine,
The saints and angels all are yours,
All, all are yours, for you are Mine."

This ransomed one is dressed anew,
As before her Lord she stands,
In robe of light, as she hastes to clasp
His outstretched, nail pierced hands!

And Oh, that robe of wondrous light,
That never shone on land or sea;
The robe exchanged for filthy rags,
At cross crowned, Blood stained Calvary!

Beside Him stands in converse sweet,
The friends who labored hard
By devious paths, and patient toil
To lead her to His Lord;

On whom He beams a happy smile,
Which says "Thy works do follow thee;
So greet this new redeemed one now,
Who wears the robe wrought out by me."

As now the vision fades from view,
Reluctant back to earth I come;
My heart can scarcely bear the pain,
Still slave of time—my work not done!

"Go labor on, the time is short—
Thy days pass quickly one by one,
Depend on me for all supplies, and
Soon you'll hear the "shout" "Come home!"

On March 3, 1919, while recovering from an attack of the influenza, and resting my eyes after some time spent in reading,

and pondering some of the Lord's teachings, I suddenly found myself walking along a shady avenue, with trees meeting overhead, while the gentle soothing rustle and whispering of their leaves made the place seem like Paradise, having a wonderful, softened, tinted light, impossible to describe, and walking a pure delight, with no effort what ever.

Presently I reached a wide, beautiful entrance to a kind of avillion or summerhouse, at the farthest distance from, and directly facing the entrance of which stood the Savior. He looked so youthful, and tall and beautiful, and loving and inviting, and standing beside Him, and as though conversing with Him, the friend who had recently gone from the earth to be present with the Lord, and who had been the means of my conversion from darkness into His marvelous light.

Instead of a certain awe, if not fear, which I had always associated with coming into the presence of the Lord, I realized that I was dressed in a most exquisite robe, which seemed to be woven of sunlight and moonlight, and dashed with the most wonderful, shimmering, iridescent lights, for describing which words are cumbersome and wholly inadequate, but in which I felt perfectly at home, as also in my surroundings, and as though I belonged there; so much so that on seeing the Savior, who seemed to be waiting for me, I simply ran toward Him, and flung myself into His extended arms, as He said in the most tender accents: "NOW you know that in ME you possess all things. This is what I meant when I said I am the Bread of life, for in ME every spiritual and human department of your being is perfectly satisfied, for in ME are all things, and I am yours, and you are Mine. All the saints and angels are yours; the heavens are yours; the earth is yours."

And then He turned me over as it were to my friend who stood by, waiting and smiling in perfect satisfaction, and greeted me with absolute assurance and rest in the Redeemer, who seemed to give recognition to His part in leading me to Himself.

I also understood that presently I was to meet and be amongst great numbers of happy beings, whose voices I could even now hear in the distance, and the permanence of the blessed conditions entered upon, which had shut out forever all remembrance of sorrow and distress, so that the whole world was absolutely forgotten or blotted out, and only perfect rest and happiness were being experienced.

But what a disappointment when the vision came to an end, and I found myself in my prosaic earthly surroundings. But still the glow of that blessed experience to some extent quelled the pain and disillusionment.

But I have this treasure in my heart, and believe it will one day be realized. Meanwhile I have ceased to dread the thought of my unpreparedness whenever He shall call me, for that robe is of His weaving, and I shall not be ashamed when wearing it, and I thank my precious Savior for the glorious vision of Himself, which lest it should get away from me I have written out, and wonder if He would not like it used for the comfort and peace of other sad, and sick and lonely ones, for whom He died.

A. L. Murphy.
150 Montague St.
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Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Evangel Family—Greetings to All:

I feel like sounding a note of praise to God for His wonderful blessings, for His saving, sanctifying, and healing power.

The Lord has great things ahead for those that love and serve Him. I say with Job of old, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him." We see everything is pointing to the soon coming of Jesus. "Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed." (Gen. 19:17.)

Since supper I went and prayed for a lady and SHE WAS INSTANTLY HEALED, for which we thank God. In order to learn more about this remedy, read the 5th chapter of James.

I have been trying to tell the glad tidings of Jesus for some time, and it never grows old. My whole heart is taken up in the service of the Lord. Anyone wishing my service, write me. Anyone wishing me to teach a singing school in your vicinity, write me for further information.

C. B. Reynolds,
Salem, Ala. R. 2, Box 19.

Report

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Evangel Family—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

I'm glad to report victory in my soul. Praise God! I received the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in other tongues, three years ago, and I'm not tired yet but I am more determined than ever to press on to the mark of the high-calling. Glory!

The Lord has been so good to me. He has stood by me in the thickest of battles. The Lord has been with us this year. In August, Brother J. C. Smith of Meadville, Miss. held a twenty days meeting for us. This is a hard place but the Lord blessed in saving several souls, sanctifying three, and filling one with the Holy Ghost. There was great interest through-out the meeting. Four were added to the grand old Church of God.

A few days after the meeting, two girls received the Holy Ghost at home. Praise the Lord. In September, Brother Winfield Thompson came and preached four sermons for us. He baptized eight in water. He gave a wonderful discourse on the second coming of Jesus. The saints were edified and we appreciated his visit very much.

We would be glad to have some Church of God preacher to pastor the church. There are several good openings for the work to be established near here. For further information write the clerk,

Herbert Walker,
Dunn, La.

The Lord Heals

To the Church of God:

I want to sound a word of praise to our Almighty God for saving, sanctifying and giving me the blessed Holy Ghost. Praise His dear name!

I want to praise Him for His wonderful healing power. He healed me of fever. Praise His name. Last Wednesday it seemed that the devil would have his way when I was very low, by attacking my wife, baby and two daughters with sickness too. They were very sick but my wife began to pray and all of them were healed almost instantly. The fever held on to me until Thursday night and it seemed that I was almost gone when Jesus said, "I have something more for you to do," and I awoke singing. Over on that beautiful shore. Thank God!

I want all the saints to pray that I may do His will and be ready when He comes or calls.

Your unworthy brother,
W. N. Well,
Bell, Fla.

Tallahassee, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints:

I want to report victory through the blood of Jesus. We have just closed a meeting south of here, near Helen, Fla. We had a glorious time for a few days. Several were saved and sanctified, and two were baptized with the Holy Ghost. We set the church in order with nine happy hearts and bright faces, after which we observed the Lord's supper and washed the saints' feet and shouted the victory.

The church will be glad to have any Church of God minister to come their way.

I have a good gospel tent and wish to work in Southern Fla. this winter. The first call will be first served. I desire the help of a good organist and singer. Anyone wishing the place, please address me through the Evangel.

Yours for the full gospel and the Church of God.

J. W. Pevey.

Stirrat, W. Va.

To All God's People Everywhere:

I am praising God for salvation. Oh, how glorious it is to live for God. I was converted when only a little girl. I was an orphan and my people didn't believe in being too religious. When I was about twenty-two years of age the Lord got a hold on me again. I drifted on and on with a discontented mind. I explained my condition to a dear old soldier of the cross. He said perhaps I hadn't been doing anything for the Lord. I began to teach a Sunday school class and lead prayer meetings, yet there was a longing deep down in my heart for something else. By the help of God's Word and God's dear people I kept on in the way. Hallelujah! Praise His high and holy name forever.

I had a very dear friend that was a vile sinner. I prayed earnestly for God to save him and He did, yet this did not satisfy the longing of my heart. I joined the Christian church and was baptized, still I was not satisfied.

One morning in January, 1916 when everything was quiet I was reading a little book, a Christmas present, "The Secret of a Christian soul." I was reading how the writer was teaching how to exercise faith in God's Word. I put my full trust in God and cried for Him to make out of me what He would have me to be. It was there He poured out a blessing that my soul could not contain. I am still praising God for the beautiful vision I saw. The Spirit caught me up, I was above everything and everything was forgotten except my spiritual vision, a place of pure glory. The beautiful white portieres, without the aid of man were rolled back, one to the right and one to the left. This is more than I can tell. God's Book has been a new book, God's people a new people, and my soul has been satisfied.

Of course the stream does not always run smooth, but there is a sweet peace in our soul if we will walk close to the Lord. I ask an interest in the prayers of all of God's people.

We thank God for the Church of God Evangel in our home, and I pray that I may be blessed with the privilege of being in some of the Church of God meetings some day.

Your sister in Christ Jesus, our Lord,

Martha E. Gonia.

Eldorado, Ark.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—

Greeting in Jesus' Name: Glory to God. He is so precious to me. Last night I was very sick. I was so bad I couldn't pray and I could call no one. I laid there and suffered till Jesus said, It is enough. I was healed

by doing all I could. As I went out and prayed the power fell and I began speaking in tongues and I received the interpretation. It was, "Be ready, Jesus is coming soon. Beloved, stand firm, raise the banner, use the Sword in the battle for the Lord." I want to become a worthy servant in the army for God.

God bless His church and servants.

Your unworthy brother,
J. W. Scarbrough.

Woman Healed. People Amazed.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Evangel Family—Greetings:

Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. (Psa. 150.)

I want to praise God for His wonderful healing power. Hallelujah! Oh, glory to God! I came home from the Assembly very tired and worn out. I got too hot and took sudden cold and have been in bed most ever since, suffering intensely with my head and back. I prayed as best I could but it is almost impossible to pray when one is suffering such agony. But praise the Lord, the saints prayed the prayer of faith and I was healed so wonderfully. Some friends came in and found me sitting up. They looked at me in amazement and finally one said, "I am convinced in divine healing." They had been in my room only a few hours before I was healed and saw me suffering much pain.

The doctor was called to a neighbor's house and some one said I could get him for half price but, of course, I refused the doctor and today finds me singing God's praises for health while my neighbor is still suffering.

A baby was prayed for at the same time I was. It was also healed. Its mother is an unbeliever but she wept and confessed she believed I was really healed. I give God all the glory.

Words are inadequate to express what our hearts have felt, our ears have heard, and our eyes have seen of the wonderful presence and power of God during the Assembly. Such love and unity prevailed, it could truly be said of us, The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul.

Mary Howell.

Report

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We have just closed a five weeks meeting at Cottonwood, Ill. This gospel hasn't been preached there before. The weather was unfavorable for a tent meeting but the Lord was with us. Three were saved, one sanctified, and others made to believe it was the true gospel. We left a good interest and hungry souls. The seed were sown and there is a bright prospect for a wonderful meeting yet.

We expect to begin a meeting near Norris City, Ill. where there are some hungry souls.

Your humble brother,
C. L. Taylor.

Happy All The Time,

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Sweet Name:

I thank God for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost. Glory to God. I would not be back in sin for the world and all there is in it. I can praise God and be happy all the time.

Glory to Jesus. I thank Him for the dear old Church of God and because I am a member.

When I read the bright testimonies in the Evangel, it fills me with joy. The way grows brighter.

I want all the Evangel readers to pray for the little holiness band here. Pray that I may

live true to God and be ready to meet Him at the marriage supper.

Your sister in Christ Jesus,
Nora Mason.
Carbon Hill, Ala.

Report

Dear Brother Tomlinson—

Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name: A three weeks revival has just closed at this place. Services conducted by writer and wife. Six were saved, three received the Holy Ghost, and five followed the Lord in water baptism.

This is a new place, Smith's Chapel, four miles east of Sweetwater, Tenn. Many are believing this way.

We desire the prayers of the saints that the Lord will give us great success here.

Your humble brother
J. W. Clowers.

The Holy Ghost.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—

Greeting: I praise God for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I know the Church of God is right. Praise God for the love that we have.

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." (Matt. 3:11.)

"I indeed have baptized you with water but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost." (Mark 1:8.)

"John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." (Luke 3:16.)

Praise God for the wonderful baptism of the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues. (Acts 2:4.)

Your humble brother,
Bill Edmonson.

Dodge, N. Dak.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Evangel Readers:

I praise God for salvation. Glory to His name. He has saved me, sanctified me, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire for I spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. He also healed my body, I have gained twenty pounds since July 15.

I was in a trance for one and one half hours. I saw heaven and I played the most beautiful music. I can't tell how grand it was. It pays to stay close to the Jesus. My words are to go on and do all you can for Him.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Chas. Cook.

Talbott, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints Everywhere:

I praise the Lord for victory in my soul. I was saved about twenty years ago in a Baptist revival, was sanctified about two years ago, and last August I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. (Acts 2:4.) I followed Jesus in water baptism and I belong to the dear old Church of God.

I have seen some wonderful visions since I received the Holy Ghost. I praise the Lord for this wonderful way, it grows better every day.

I ask all the dear saints to pray for the work at this place. Pray that we may soon have a church set in order. Also pray that my husband and two little boys may receive the Holy Ghost.

All who haven't surrendered, don't wait to accept Jesus. Today if you would hear His voice,

harden not your hearts. Acquaint now thyself with Him and be at peace.

Your sister in Christ,
Ella B. Hill.

Cross Roads, St. Andrew, Ja. B. W. I.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and the Saints Abroad—Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

Seventeen years ago, God's Spirit filled servants. Brothers Myer and McCarthy visited Jamaica on a Missionary tour. A series of meetings were held in a good many of our towns. They went about preaching a full and free salvation, teaching the doctrine of holiness. Great blessings attended these meetings and they will long be remembered. I am one whom those dear saints won for Jesus. I have been wonderfully saved. I was heard in the accepted time and in the day of salvation He succored me. Praise His holy name!

A broken vessel, He made me over and sanctified me. "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification." "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." (Rom. 6:22.)

Sister Annie Scottcock, whose life has been a great blessing to many by her faith, courage, and determination, invited me to the Church of God at 40 Oxford St. and introduced me to Sister Stapleton and Brother Parkinson, whose lives are truly set apart, so that God through them might have a chance in this dark world of sin. It was great joy to me to meet this dear sister and brother. They are full of the Holy Ghost and are right down in the slums of this city among some of the worst characters with strong opposition on all sides. Here they are putting forth their strongest efforts to pull down the strong holds of the devil.

I have been attending these meetings regularly and have been greatly strengthened. God has been manifesting Himself in and through us, while many are getting saved and receiving the Holy Ghost. Since last Wednesday night, the Pentecostal showers have been falling on us. Bless His holy name!

The building now occupied is too small. Crowds are to be seen almost every night. We are praying for a larger building.

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